

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
Weather Forecast Office
Operations Vision and Philosophy

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National Weather Service
Vision
Weather Forecast Office Operations

A **flexible, agile operation**, founded on distributed, local expertise, which:

optimizes modern technology,
emphasizes situational awareness,
focuses resources when and where needed,
in weather, water and climate services,
in order to **provide timely and accurate forecasts, warnings, and information**:
using a **collaborative** process, and with
emphasis on hazardous and high-impact events,
to **protect life and property** and **enhance the national economy**.

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Priority Event Driven

- Primary role is local expert, decision maker, and information source for hazardous and high-impact events
- Resources focused when and where needed
- Adjusts to meet event demands by augmenting staff and/or redistributing routine tasks to other National Weather Service offices/centers

Focus on Service and Information Flow

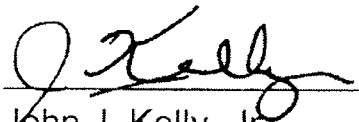
- Primary provider of critical local weather and water warnings and forecasts, climate services, and other weather and water information
- Communication and coordination
- Partnership building and outreach
- Providing local customer input to national requirements
- Adapting to new service delivery requirements
- Data collection, quality control, maintenance

Relies on Collaboration

- “Our” National Weather Service forecast, produced through collaboration (e.g. with other Weather Forecast Offices, national centers, River Forecast centers, Center Weather Service Units)
- Provides local expertise and input to forecast process and database

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